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REMARKS

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1. On 8 and 9 August 1950 the barracks installation on the northern side of Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 56), housed 1,000 to 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Local residents said that AA guns of calibers ranging from 37 to 85 mm were stored in the billeting area. Three AA guns of not more than 37 mm were being cleaned in front of an ordnance building.

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2. The barracks installation on the southern side of Leninstrasse still housed an MVD unit of about 600 men on 9 August 1950. No training activity was seen in the area. Local residents said that small groups of the unit usually left for firing practice. It was said that almost the entire personnel of the unit was on guard duty in the Erzgebirge area. No heavy weapons were seen with the MVD unit. Local residents said that the personnel was equipped only with small arms and machine guns.

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3. On 9 August 1950 the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne, Chemnitz-Ebersdorf, housed only a small rear detail which wore red-bordered black epaulets. There were very few soldiers. Laborers were working in all the billeting areas. Almost all residential buildings on Huttenstrasse had been returned to civilian control. Only two Soviet officer's families were living in the residential area on 9 August 1950.

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4. With the exception of two garages under guard the buildings of the Flak Kaserne were destroyed. **

5. a troop camp on the eastern edge of Zeisig woods was occupied by about 3,000 troops on 9 August 1950. The camp was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and shrubbery. Spotlights illuminated the edges of

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the camp area. Tents and makeshift wooden quarters were observed. In many respects the camp resembled a prison camp. It can be reached from Chemnitz either via Dresdener Strasse and Weisser Weg or via Oststrasse and Weisser Weg. Three companies of recruits held basic drill in the Weisser Weg area. They were 17 to 20 years of age and wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The instructors wore red-bordered black epaulets. One company of recruits, carrying bath towels, marched from Chemnitz toward the camp on 9 August 1950. About 300 soldiers were observed at combat training in the drill area.

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the billeting area was still occupied by AAA elements of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th GOCs AAA Div, of the GORC. [redacted]

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** ~~SECRET~~ Comment. The data on the occupation of the installations agree with previous information. [redacted]

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*** ~~SECRET~~ Comment. The troop camp in Zeisig Woods, which is reported for the first time, probably was established for the training of recruits.

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